

## DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL 5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE MILLINGTON TN 38055-0000

5720 PERS 00J6/20170621 September 27, 2017

Ms. Belinda M. Hodges 23460 W. Pima Street Buckeye, AZ 85326

Dear Ms. Hodges:

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek U.S. Navy Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) discharge information pertaining to Aaron Dane Hodges. Your request was received in this office on September 27, 2017, from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36), has been assigned FOIA case file number CNPC20170621 by this command.

A releasable copy of a responsive DD Form 214 is enclosed. The redacted portions of the DD Form 214, and all underlying documentation supporting a discharge which is not being provided, are exempt from disclosure under FOIA exemption 6 [5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)]. Release of such information would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Aaron Dane Hodges and other identified individuals. Any potentially available adverse documentation contained in an OMPF is categorically denied under FOIA exemption (b)(6) should such information be contained in an applicable record.

Because your request is partially denied by this command, you are advised of your right to appeal this determination in writing to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, OJAG Code 14, 1322 Patterson Avenue SE Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

If an appeal is deemed necessary, it must be received in that office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, in order to be considered. To expedite an appeal, you should enclose a copy of this letter and a copy of the original request along with a statement regarding why your appeal should be granted. The letter of appeal and the envelope should bear the notation, "FOIA/PA APPEAL."

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I am the official responsible for the partial denial of your request. Should you wish to discuss the processing of your request by this command, you may contact the undersigned at (901) 874-3165. You may also contact the DON FOIA Public Liaison, Christopher Julka, at Christopher.a.julka@navy.mil or (703) 697-0031.

Sincerely,

D. P. GERMAN

FOIA/PA Officer

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